GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:6
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2006
FALL IN PRICE OF ARECANUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the price of arecanut during the last three years and thereafter;

(b) whether the Union Government has received any request from the State Governments to protect the interests of arecanut growers in the context of fall in prices of arecanut;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to help the affected farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 6 DUE FOR REPLY ON 24TH JULY, 2006.

(a): As per the Directorate of Arecanut & Spices Development, Calicut, annual/monthly average prices of arecanut during the last three years and thereafter at select markets are as under:

(Rs/Quintal)

Year	Kozhikode (Dry arecanut)	Mangalore (New Supari)
2003-04	4732	6172
2004-05	4509	5751
2005-06	5470	5843
April 2006	6975	8359
May 2006	6100	7572
June 2006	5933	7162

(b) to (d): Arecanut is covered under Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) which is implemented based on a specific request of the concerned State Government if they undertake to bear 50% of the loss in its implementation. However, no proposal from any State Government for implementing MIS for procurement of arecanut has been received during the current year.